



MEETING REPORT

Date: August 13, 2012

Meeting Name: Reconvening Complete Streets Work Group
Meeting One

Location: LADOTD TTEC Building – Auditorium

Overview:

This meeting served as Work Group Meeting One for the requirements of HCR-100 – Reconvening Complete Streets Work Group. The meeting occurred at Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (LADOTD) Technical Training and Education Center, Baton Rouge, LA.

41 attendees

Summary:

The meeting began shortly after 10:00 am. Following introductions, LADOTD Secretary Sherri LeBas provided welcoming remarks. Secretary thanked the group for their work in producing one of the top ranking Complete Streets Policies in the nation. Brian Parsons introduced the moderators that would lead the group through the agenda. Those included Krista Goodin—Fenstermaker Consulting, Dana Brown—Dana Brown and Associates, Kerry Everitt—AARP, and Dan Jatres—New Orleans Regional Planning Commission. Dan Jatres presented a PowerPoint presentation to educate new members of the workgroup about Complete Streets. Kerry Everitt presented an overview of the history behind the Complete Streets legislation leading up to SCR-100.

After breaking for lunch the workgroup was resumed at 1:00 pm. The group was divided into four sub-groups. Each sub-group was to list Complete Streets success, obstacles and missed opportunities they could identify at the state, regional and local levels. After meeting and discussing each group's spokesman reported the input from the members. The results were as listed:

Successes:

- Lafayette Johnston Street Pilot Program (Local)
- LA 42 reconstruction project (DOTD)
- St. Claude Bicycle Lanes (DOTD)
- Tammany Trace (Local, Regional, DOTD)
- Rumble Strip Policy (DOTD)

- LA 10 & LA 191 Shoulders added to project to safely accommodate bicycle travel (DOTD)
- City of New Orleans adopting a Complete Streets Policy, Implementation Plan and appointing a Complete Streets Manager (Local)
- Baton Rouge CBD curb cuts and pedestrian countdown signal (Local)
- CATS Blue Ribbon Commission endorsing Complete Streets (Local)
- US 167 Lafayette ADA accessible curb ramps and marked crosswalks funded within regular scope of project (DOTD)
- Lake Charles developing Bicycle Master Plan through public input. Upgrading Ryan Street for pedestrian safety (Local)
- Zachary constructing sidewalks near schools. (Local)

Obstacles:

- Funding
- Communication
- Education
- Lack of vision
- Lack of planning
- Agency coordination
- Project timing

Missed Opportunities:

- Pedestrian safety being ignored
- Implementing Complete Streets at the local level
- DOTD management and first line supervisors not being trained
- Pavement Preservation Program not aligned with Complete Streets
- Warrants for crosswalks and bicycle lanes not set well
- Crosswalks not being replaced after overlay - example LA 182 Carencro
- Alexandria/Pineville Bridge – Pedestrian and Bicycle facilities not addressed
- TIMED Projects – Urban 5-lane highway with no bicycle facilities. Rural roads with 3' shoulders

After the groups reported their findings they discussed next steps. Jennifer Ruley representing the Louisiana Public Health Institute would like DOTD to confirm the Complete Streets policy is being implemented. This will be addressed by DOTD at the next meeting. Brian Parsons will set up the date and time of the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 pm

